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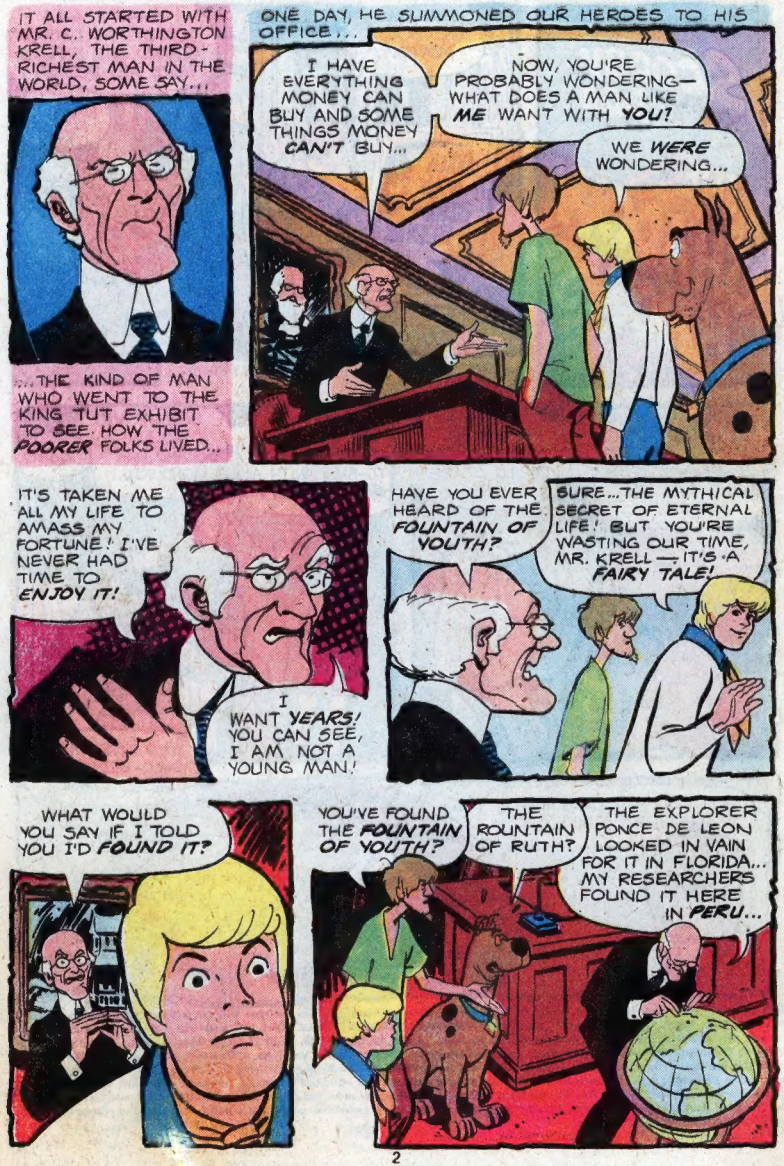
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WE WERE WONDERING...
IT'S TAKEN ME ALL MY LIFE TO AMASS MY FORTUNE! I'VE NEVER HAD TIME TO ENJOY IT!
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WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF I TOLD YOU I'D FOUND IT?
YOU'VE FOUND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?
THE FOUNTAIN OF RUTH?
THE EXPLORER PONCE DE LEON LOOKED IN VAIN FOR IT IN FLORIDA... MY RESEARCHERS FOUND IT HERE IN PERU...

SO WHY DO YOU NEED US?
WELL, THERE SEEMS TO BE A GHOST GUARDING IT...
I KNEW IT! THERE'S ALWAYS A GHOST! EVERYWHERE WE GO— GHOSTS, GHOSTS, GHOSTS!
THIS IS THE GHOST! I NEED FIRST-CLASS GHOST-BUSTERS LIKE YOU IF I'M GOING TO GET NEAR THE FOUNTAIN!
...SO THAT'S HOW OUR HEROES GOT INVOLVED...
...AND THAT'S HOW THEY FOUND THEMSELVES SKYING TO PERU...
WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?
FOR THE ADVENTURE... FOR THE EXPERIENCE... FOR THE RESEARCH...
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...NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER!
GET SET TO BAIL OUT!
ME, I'M NOT AFRAID! I'VE FACED ENOUGH DANGERS WHERE NOTHING SCARES ME IN THE...
DID HE SAY "BAIL OUT?"
WE HAVE TO JUMP! THE NEAREST LANDING FIELD IS EIGHTY MILES AWAY!
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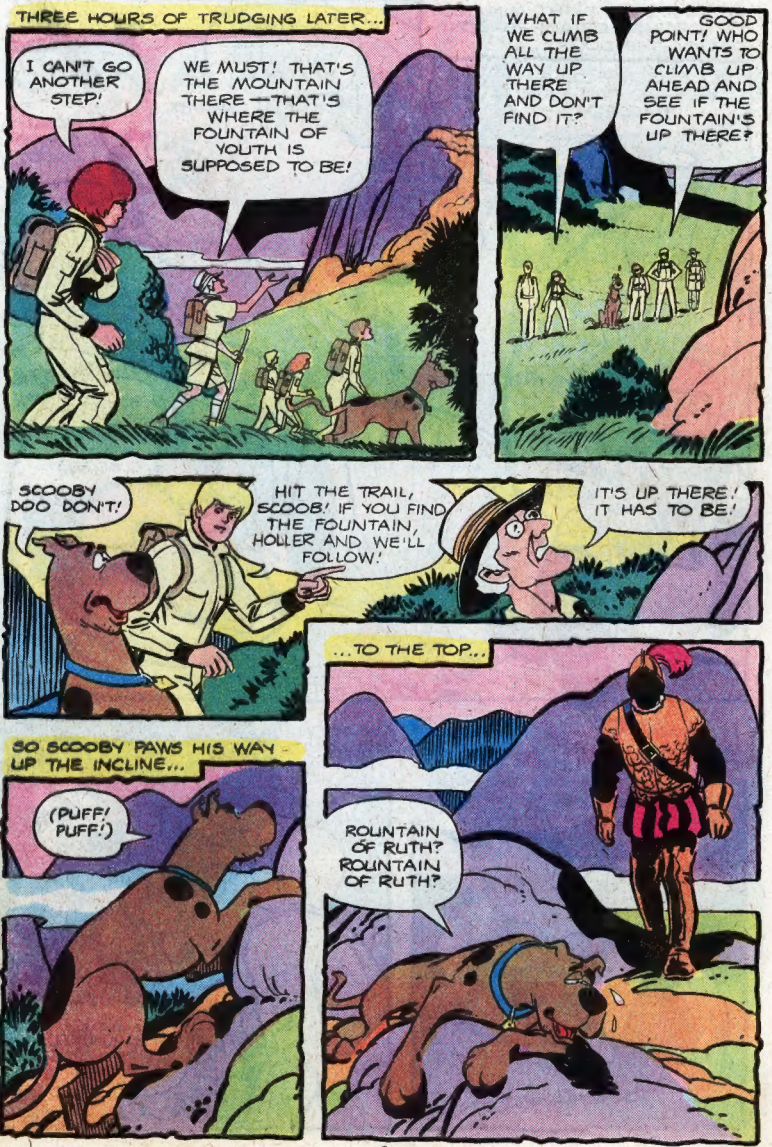
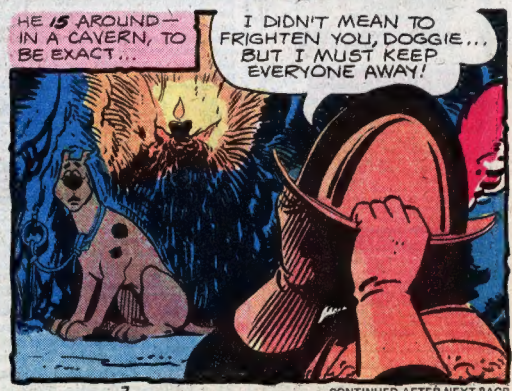
SCOO-OOOBY DOOO!
AROOO!
YOU'VE BEEN A FAITHFUL HOUND, SCOOBY...
EVERYONE DOWN IN ONE PIECE?
SEEMS SO! WE'VE STILL GOT QUITE A WALK TO WHERE THE FOUNTAIN IS SUPPOSED TO BE!
WILL YOU TWO QUIT KIDDING AROUND!
WELL, YOU KNOW US HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SKY-DIVERS!


THREE HOURS OF TRUDGING LATER...
I CAN'T GO ANOTHER STEP!
WE MUST! THAT'S THE MOUNTAIN THERE — THAT'S WHERE THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH IS SUPPOSED TO BE!
WHAT IF WE CLIMB ALL THE WAY UP THERE AND DON'T FIND IT?
GOOD POINT! WHO WANTS TO CLIMB UP AHEAD AND SEE IF THE FOUNTAIN'S UP THERE?
SCOOBY DOO DON'T!
HIT THE TRAIL, SCOOB! IF YOU FIND THE FOUNTAIN, HOLLER AND WE'LL FOLLOW!
IT'S UP THERE! IT HAS TO BE!
...TO THE TOP...
SO SCOOBY PAWS HIS WAY UP THE INCLINE...
(PUFF! PUFF!)
ROUNTAIN OF RUTH? ROUNTAIN OF RUTH?



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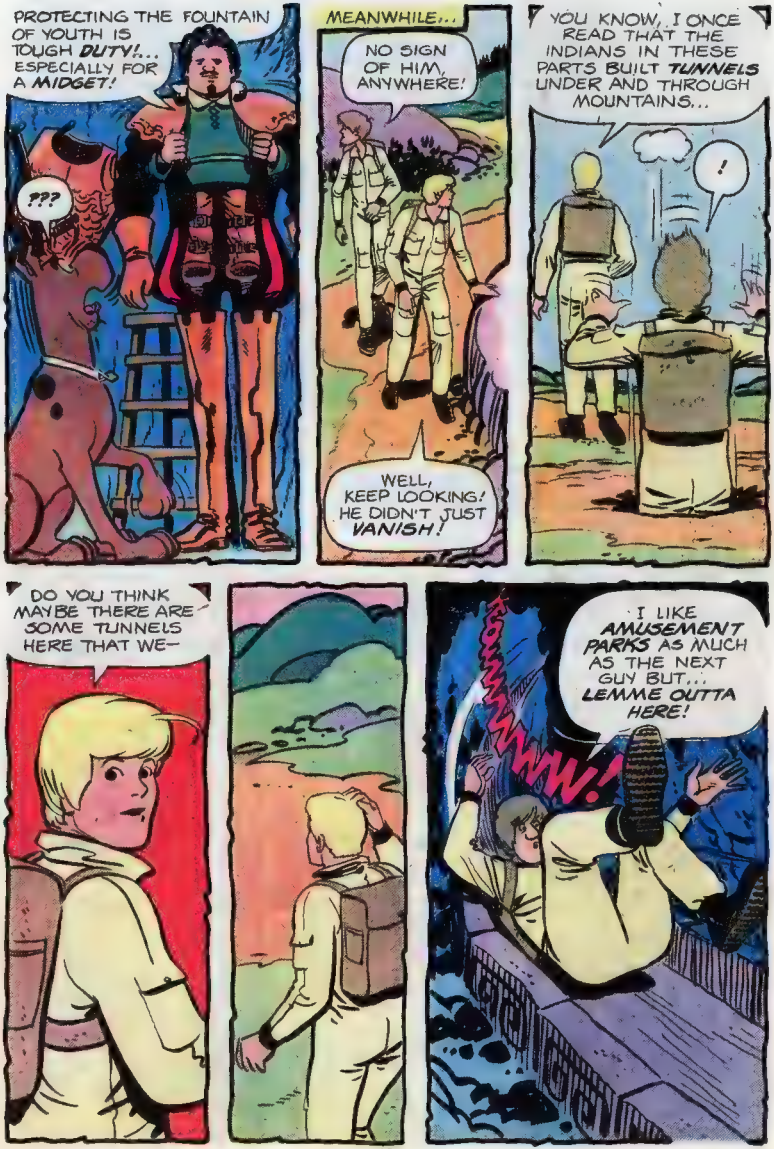
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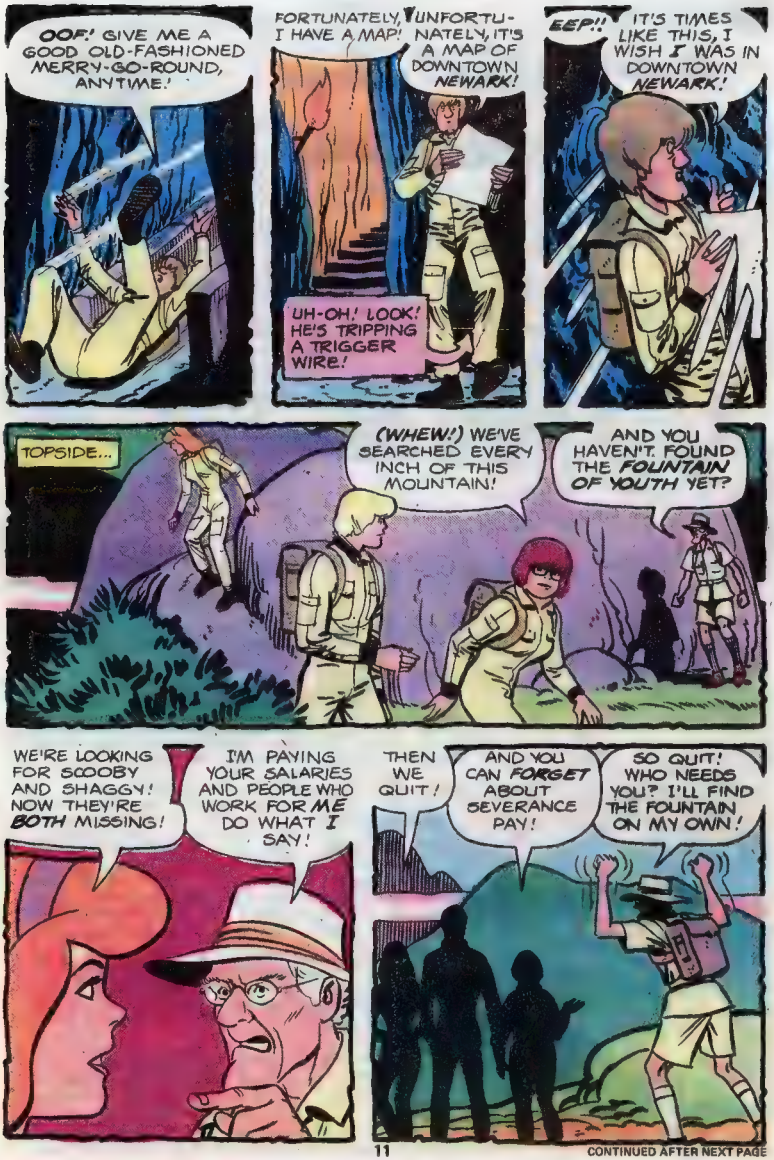
???
MEANWHILE...
NO SIGN OF HIM, ANYWHERE!
WELL, KEEP LOOKING! HE DIDN'T JUST VANISH!
YOU KNOW, I ONCE READ THAT THE INDIANS IN THESE PARTS BUILT TUNNELS UNDER AND THROUGH MOUNTAINS...
!
DO YOU THINK MAYBE THERE ARE SOME TUNNELS HERE THAT WE—
I LIKE AMUSEMENT PARKS AS MUCH AS THE NEXT GUY BUT... LEMME OUTTA HERE!
WWW!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EEP!!
IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS, I WISH I WAS IN DOWNTOWN NEWARK!
TOPSIDE...
(WHEW!) WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY INCH OF THIS MOUNTAIN!
AND YOU HAVEN'T FOUND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH YET?
WE'RE LOOKING FOR SCOOBY AND SHAGGY! NOW THEY'RE BOTH MISSING!
I'M PAYING YOUR SALARIES AND PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR ME DO WHAT I SAY!
THEN WE QUIT!
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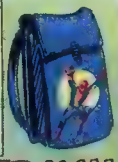

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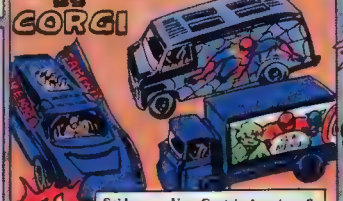

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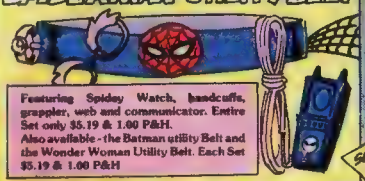

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YOUR JOB? WHO HIRED YOU?

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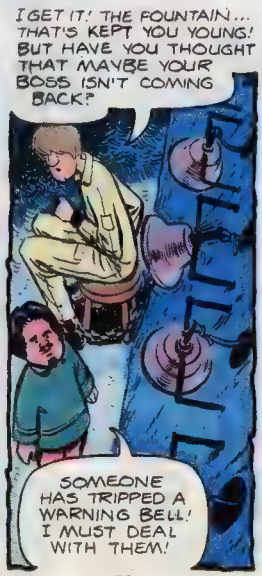
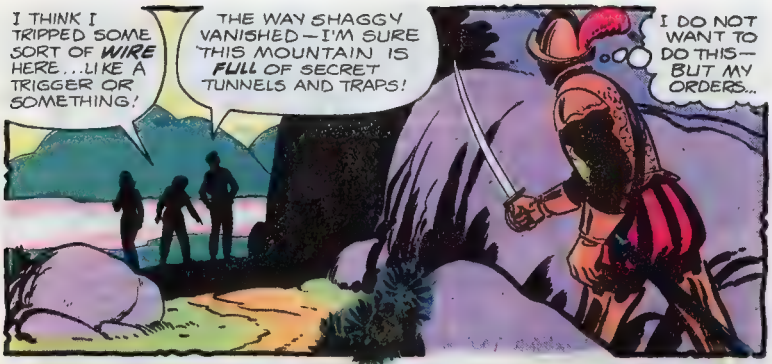
HE LEFT ME HERE TO GUARD IT UNTIL HE RETURNS!
HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN GONE?

NEXT WEEK, IT WILL BE 150 YEARS!
I DO HOPE HE HURRIES! HE OWES ME A FORTUNE IN BACK PAY!
150 YEARS???!!


I GET IT! THE FOUNTAIN... THAT'S KEPT YOU YOUNG! BUT HAVE YOU THOUGHT THAT MAYBE YOUR BOSS ISN'T COMING BACK?
SOMEONE HAS TRIPPED A WARNING BELL! I MUST DEAL WITH THEM!

I MUST STAND GUARD UNTIL CAPTAIN VASQUEZ RETURNS! THOSE ARE MY ORDERS!
I SHALL GO "DEAL" WITH YOUR FRIENDS..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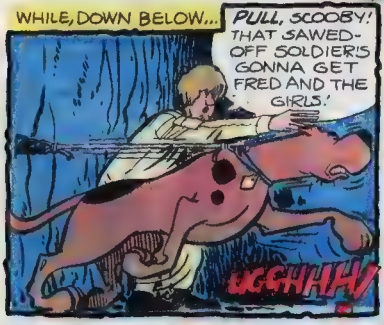
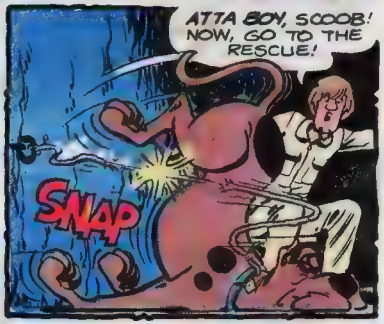
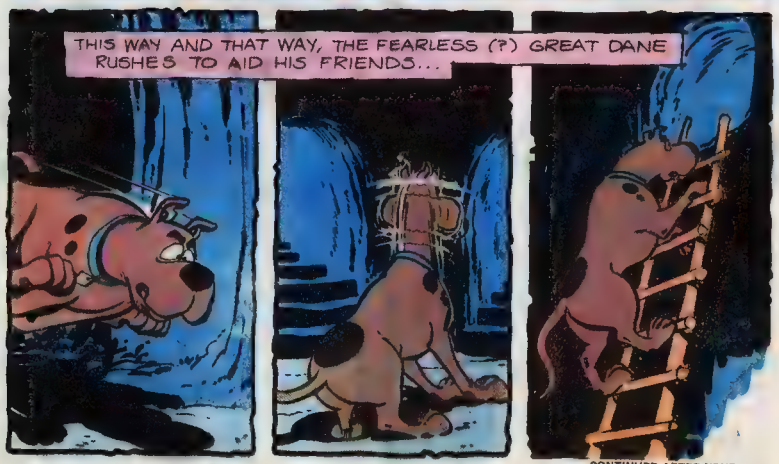
THE WAY SHAGGY VANISHED—I'M SURE THIS MOUNTAIN IS FULL OF SECRET TUNNELS AND TRAPS!
I DO NOT WANT TO DO THIS—BUT MY ORDERS...







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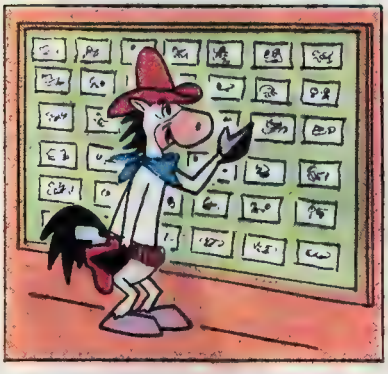
Howdy, Funtastic World fans, this is ol' Quick Draw McGraw here, to talk to you about the storyboard part of the animation business and just what is involved in doing a board.

When animated cartoon studios first started about sixty years ago, the standard method of writing the script for the show was to "sketch" the story. Early story production was done on scratch pad paper and pinned up on large panel boards with pushpins. This system allowed for quick changes of rough sketches and the replacing or resetting of entire story sequences.



The sketch paper, about 4" x 6" in size, was big enough to be seen by a number of people in the story room. This allowed a storyboard writer to present the show in sequence to producers, directors, designer and animators. This presentation was known as "giving" the board. These conferences were tests to see if the gags and jokes were "working." It was also a way of getting suggestions and new ideas that might improve the show.

Some storyboards were prepared by one writer-artist, while others worked in teams of head writer and sketch artist. One cartoon short story usually took from four to six weeks to prepare, after which the boards were taken over by the animation director who had probably already worked on some of the ideas and gags during preliminary work. The story sketches served as a guide to the director and layout artists in timing the picture and designing the final product.

The large storyboard method of production is still used today, but it is usually reserved for feature film story sketches. Feature stories may take many months or years to finalize, and the big board presentation serves well in putting the show together, enabling many people to see the rough draft in conference. At Hanna-Barbera about ten large boards are presently in preparation for the feature cartoon, SONG OF HEIDI.

For Hanna-Barbera's FUNTASTIC WORLD OF TELEVISION a smaller, more compact board was developed. Since TV budgets are much lower than budgets for theatrical cartoons, a faster method of producing boards was developed. Instead of the large loose sketches for pinning up, the television storyboard is drawn on 9" x 12" pages containing six panels per page for smaller sketches. These are clipped together in a book-like sequence. A half hour television cartoon such as SCOOBY-DOO or LAFF-A-LYMPICS might use 90 to 100 of these pages to tell the story.

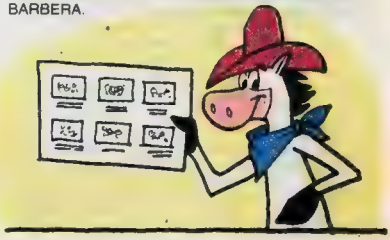
The television boards are usually produced from an approved typewritten script. The script contains all the character lines, with screen and action direction. The storysketch editor uses this information to design the entire show. Starting with scene one, the sketch artist creates locations and staging throughout the picture. Action, attitudes and expressions are captured in very rough sketch form. These small sketches serve as important guides to the director as well as to layout and design artists and the animators.

The sketch artist is not locked-in to depicting every detail of the script as typed out, for his artistic judgement as to the best graphic handling now comes into play. Selection of longshots and closeups, pan shots and zooms, dissolves and wipes become the decision of the storyboard artist. He may also become a writer when he finds that lines need to be rewritten or new lines created to best give the story its proper flow.

The finished storyboard acts as a blueprint for the construction of the entire animated cartoon. It is the unifying element that permits a film to be produced on an assembly line process, as must be done in the creation of the television cartoon series.

Although I am called "Quick Draw" many of the storyboard directors also have to be "quick on the draw" since their sketches must be quickly rendered visuals in rough technique. But they still must indicate everything that needs to be shown in the finished film. After all, The storyboard itself does not ever appear on the TV screen but the "cleaned-up" version does, and that's what counts.

Well, I can count, too, and I calculate that I've just about run out of time, so this is your old friend Quick Draw McGraw saying I'll fade out, end of scene, in another FUNTASTIC WORLD STORY OF HANNA-BARBERA.



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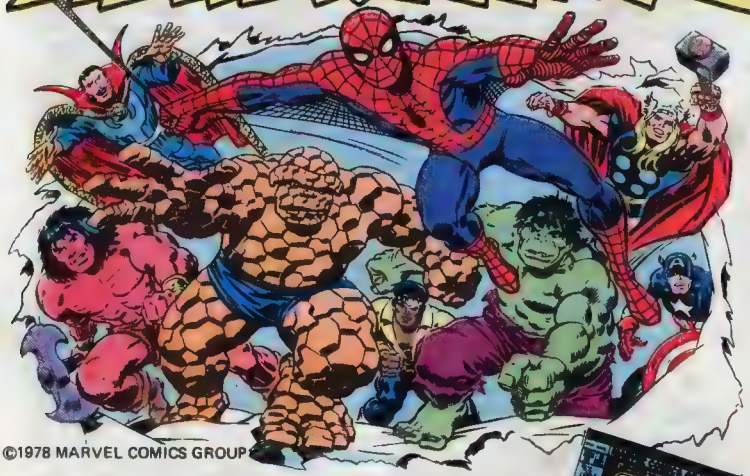

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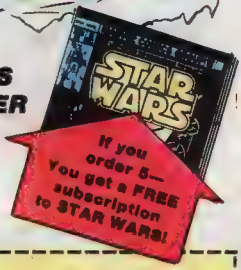

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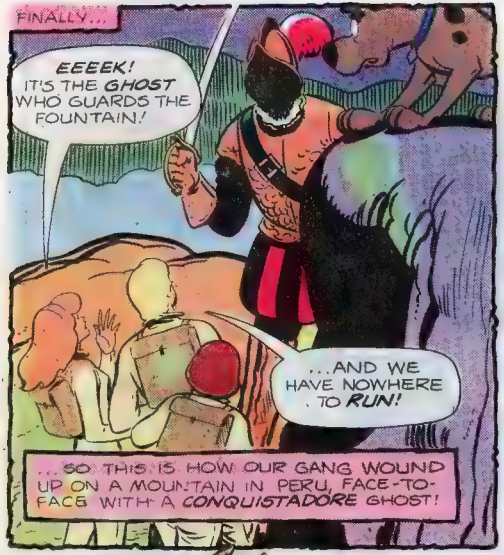
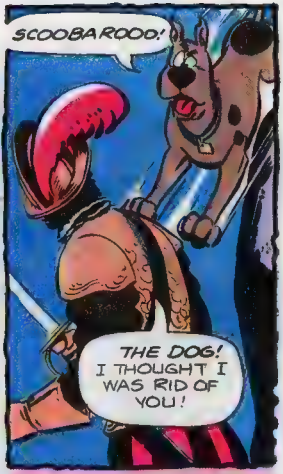
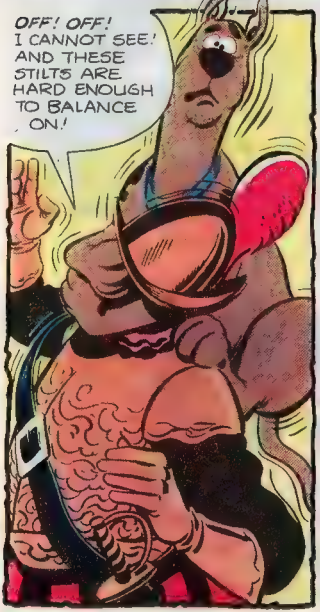
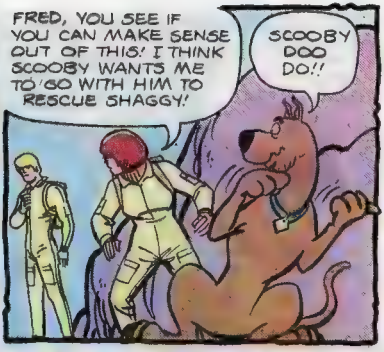

FINALLY...
EEEEK! IT'S THE GHOST WHO GUARDS THE FOUNTAIN!
...AND WE HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN!
...SO THIS IS HOW OUR GANG WOUND UP ON A MOUNTAIN IN PERU, FACE-TO-FACE WITH A CONQUISTADORE GHOST!


SCOOBAROOO!
THE DOG! I THOUGHT I WAS RID OF YOU!
WELL, THIS LOOKS LIKE THE SPOT WE CAME IN — NOW WE'RE ALL UP TO DATE...

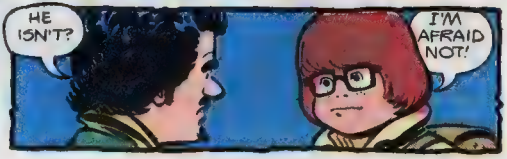

OFF! OFF! I CANNOT SEE! AND THESE STILTS ARE HARD ENOUGH TO BALANCE ON!

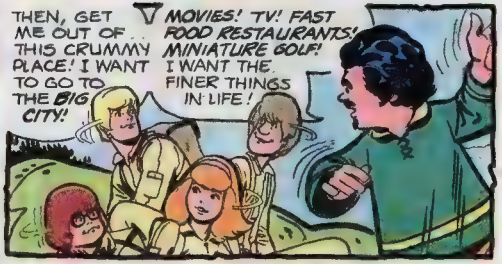
NOW, LOOK WHAT YOU DID!
OUR GIANT-ECONOMY-SIZED GHOST LOOKS LIKE A SMALL, VERY REAL MIDGET!
WHAMP

MY ARMOR'S ALL BROKEN! NOW I'LL LOSE MY JOB...THEY'LL TAKE AWAY MY PENSION...
I WON'T EVEN GET MY 150 YEARS' BACK PAY!


FRED, YOU SEE IF YOU CAN MAKE SENSE OUT OF THIS! I THINK SCOOBY WANTS ME TO GO WITH HIM TO RESCUE SHAGGY!
SCOOBY DOO DO!!

IN DUE TIME, THIS MUCH IS STRAIGHTENED OUT...
CAPTAIN VASQUEZ WANTED THE FOUNTAIN KEPT SECRET SO THEY BUILT ME THE GHOST COSTUME...
IF THIS WAS IN 1827, YOUR CAPTAIN PROBABLY ISN'T COMING BACK!


HE ISN'T?
I'M AFRAID NOT!


THEN, GET ME OUT OF THIS CRUMMY PLACE! I WANT TO GO TO THE BIG CITY!
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SOME SEARCHERS I SCARED OFF ONCE DROPPED THIS RADIO! I HAVE HEARD ALL ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND DREAMED OF SEEING IT!
FIRST, YOU SHOW ME THE FOUNTAIN!

I THOUGHT YOU'D LEFT!
WHEN I'M THIS CLOSE TO THE SECRET OF ETERNAL LIFE? ARE YOU KIDDING? BUT I DON'T NEED THIS GUN...
ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO SHOW ME THE FOUNTAIN!
WOW! I CAN PUT THIS IN BANK ON THE RADIO AND EARN 7 AND 3/4% INTEREST COMPOUNDED DAILY! OKAY!
THEY ARE LED TO WHAT MEN HAVE SEARCHED FOR FOR CENTURIES...
...THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, ITSELF! I HAVE DRUNK FROM IT TO KEEP MYSELF YOUNG ALL THESE YEARS!
...AT LAST! I KNEW IT EXISTED! I KNEW MY MONEY WOULD FIND A WAY TO BEAT OLD MAN TIME...AND THIS IS IT!
IN MOMENTS, I WILL BE YOUNG AGAIN!
MISTER KRELL— DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE OVERDOING IT A LITTLE, MAYBE?
ANYONE ELSE WANT TO BE YOUNG AGAIN?
NOT ME— I'VE BEEN TO KINDERGARTEN ENOUGH TIMES, ALREADY! HOW ABOUT YOU, SCOOB? WANNA BE A PUP AGAIN?

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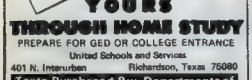

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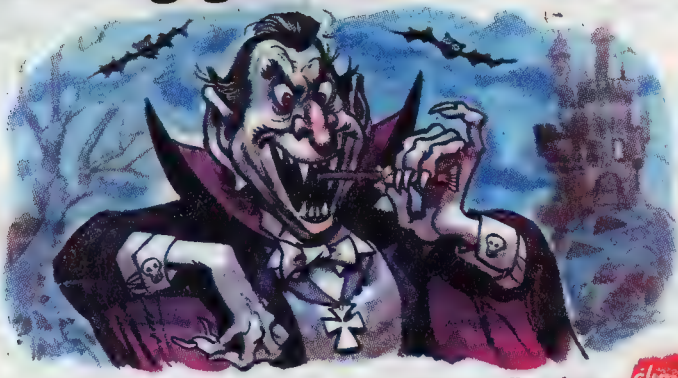

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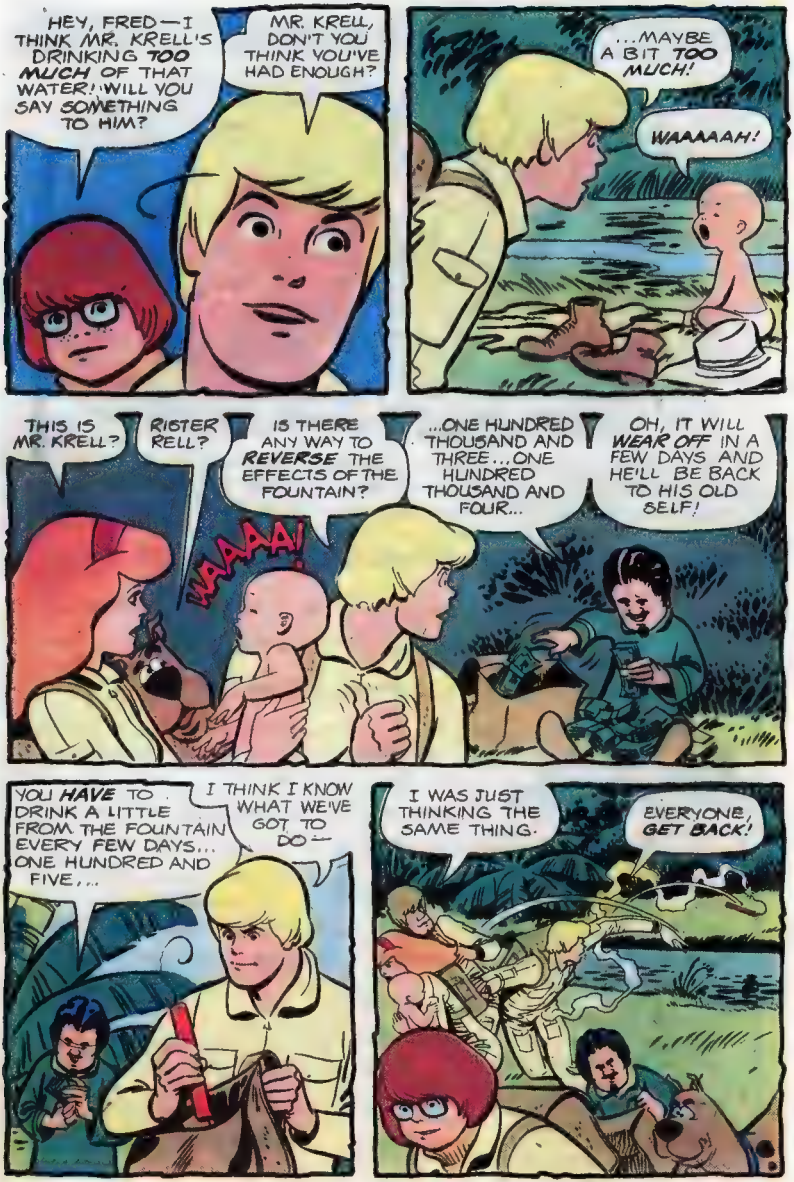
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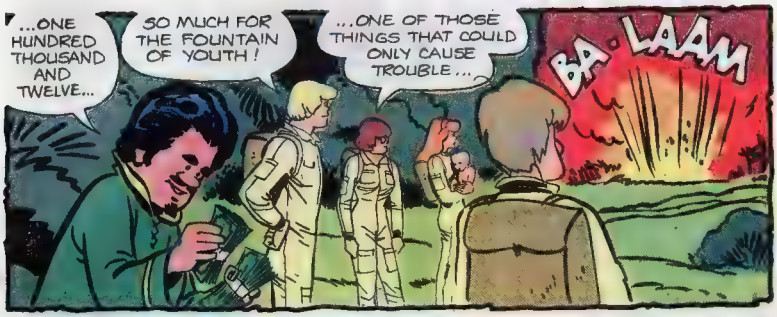
I THINK I KNOW WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO—
I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.
EVERYONE, GET BACK!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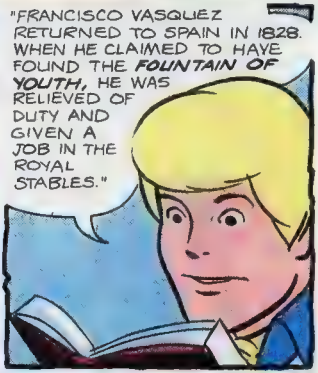
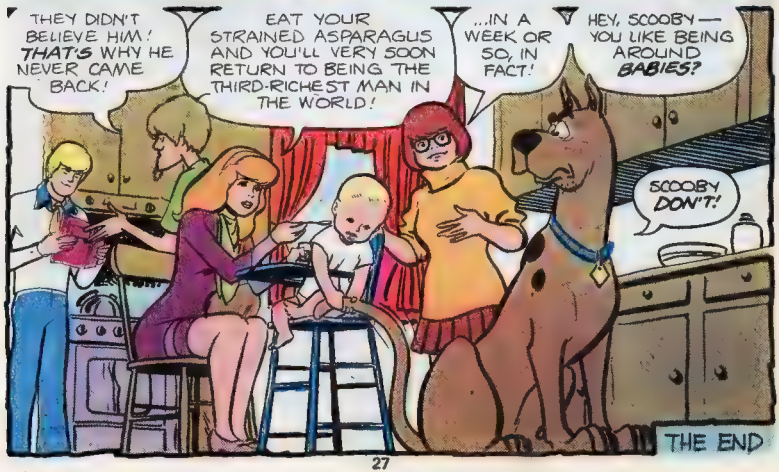
SO MUCH FOR THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH!
...ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT COULD ONLY CAUSE TROUBLE...
BA-LAAM

THERE'S A POSTSCRIPT TO ALL OF THIS. BACK HOME...
OUR MIDGET FRIEND IS HAVING A BALL SPENDING HIS MILLION DOWNTOWN!
I JUST LOOKED UP HIS FORMER EMPLOYER...


"FRANCISCO VASQUEZ RETURNED TO SPAIN IN 1828. WHEN HE CLAIMED TO HAVE FOUND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH, HE WAS RELIEVED OF DUTY AND GIVEN A JOB IN THE ROYAL STABLES."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...IN A WEEK OR SO, IN FACT!
HEY, SCOOBY— YOU LIKE BEING AROUND BABIES?
SCOOBY DON'T!
THE END

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hey, remember me telling you I was going to Tokyo in May to help launch some new Marvel projects? Well, now that I'm back, I thought you'd like to know that all of Japan seems to be mad-about-Marvel! They're doing their own version of Spider-Man, live-action, as a weekly TV series; publishing more stories of our shy little superheroes than I could count; and I wish you could see all the clever toys and games they've based on our Marvel mythos. One of these days we'll do an article showing some of our more picturesque Japanese items, as soon as we can figure out which mag to print it in.

Item! You'll soon be seeing a great new feature in the Sunday Comic pages of newspapers from coast to coast called "Marvelous Fun and Games" by Owen McCarron (the talented whiz who brought you the first few Simon & Schuster Marvel Fun Books.) The full color feature presents your superhero favorites in a merry melange of puzzles and games. Who *says* we're not spreading culture all over the land?

And now, it's time to reply to the first of the many, many questions you've sent me in answer to an earlier Soapbox request. This query was one of the most frequently asked, so I'll tackle it first. "Will comicbooks get better and better, or will the field just stagnate with the same recycled ideas?" Naturally, I'm no more of a prophet than you, but here's the way I see it. We'll continue to use the same "recycled" ideas, if that's what you mean by new adventures of our world-famous superheroes being published month after month, year after year. We'll keep producing them as long as you want them, and judging by the way you've been gobblin' them up, your interest hasn't slackened. *But*, be sides bringing our usual literary fare, we spend virtually all of our free time trying to dream up new characters, new formats, new concepts, to keep the world of comics vital and alive and ever growing. Just look at some of our recent innovations: the Marvel line of rock star mags, such as KISS, the BEATLES, the upcoming SHAUN CASSIDY, SGT PEPPER, ROLLING STONES, and other titles. The new Marvel super specials, $1.50 magazines with artwork in full color on glossy paper, such as our CONAN SUPER SPECIAL, with many other titles to follow. Then too, there are the new Marvel movie and book adaptations, plus PIZZAZZ, the steadily growing CRAZY, and the countless new Marvel projects in the works from Simon & Schuster and Pocket Books. And, as soon as we can catch our breaths, we'll be coordinating our projects with our own magazines in a new different series of publications. 'Nuff said?

Next ish—the answer to another of your most oft repeated questions: "Is Irving Forbush a real person?" Till then, if you can bear the suspense, why not take a duck to lunch?

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! They came from the wooded glens of Connecticut, and from the exotic shores of New Jersey, from the far off glades of Penn's Woods and from nearby Midtown. From Flushing by the 7 train they travelled, and from Inwood by the A. One plucky lady, 'tis said, braved the awesome dangers of the dreaded LIRR to traverse the staggering distance from her home in the fabled City of Gardens to the Hallowed Halls of Marvel. One by one they came, until at last, to a man they stood united; and the gathered throng thus convened this year's second Mighty Marvel Writers Meeting. Editor-in-Chief JIM *(Trouble)* SHOOTER presided, Consulting Editor *Marvelous* MARV WOLFMAN generously gave of his valuable time to lend an assist, and the Editorial Staff took notes as discussion ranged from the Art of Storytelling to the Science of Balloon Placement. Long into the afternoon they spoke, and when at length they adjourned, if no Great Issues were resolved, it was clear that every single body in that room *cares* about his work, and cares *deeply*. It seems to us that there's no ingredient more necessary to Quality than Caring — and we're pretty darn proud to be the kind of people and the kind of company that cares!

ITEM! Speaking of GODZILLA—just when we thought we'd seen it all, *Devil-May-Care* DOUG MOENCH and *Happy* HERB TRIMPE came through with a *little* idea that flipped our embroidered babushkas! It's incredible! It's unbelievable! It's a beautifully ironic twist of fate that is guaranteed to leave Marvel continuity buffs everywhere astonished and delighted! It's *real*—and it's happening in the pages of GODZILLA #17, on sale *right now*! So get *out* there, Lizard-philes, and nab your copy before it gets away. Be *warned*, how ever—there's a Godzilla you've never *seen* before lurking inside!

ITEM! The shredding sound you hear, should you happen to be in the Apple near 575 Mad Avenue, is probably Marvel Editor *Broadway* BOB HALL feeding another page of the rulebook to the Armadillos. As if it weren't enough permitting, nay, wholeheartedly *approving* the madness currently raging 'twixt the covers of GODZILLA, Bob has thrown caution, convention, and sanity to the winds with the Dynamic DEFENDERS as well. Once again, he has combined the not inconsiderable talents of DAVE *(The Dude)* KRAFT and *Energetic* ED HANNIGAN and more-or-less turned them loose on a three part mini-epic ranging from the pits of Earthly Urban Blight to (are you ready for this?) the gleaming spires of Eternal ASGARD! Dave and Bob have been closely coordinating with Consulting Editor and resident Mythology Expert, *Rascally* ROY THOMAS concerning the Defenders' doings in the Golden Realm, to make certain everything meshes perfectly with Roy's current storyline in the pages of THOR. As for what's actually going *on*, Dave, Ed, Bob and able Assistant Editor MARY JO DUFFY asked us *not* to say! We *will* tell ya however, they have spent quite a bit of time lately chortling over their plans, so you can be sure what's coming up, beginning in DEFENDERS #66,(on sale now) is *not* what you'd expect! Get your copy and let us know what you think—should we *fire* the lot of 'em—or give 'em a *raise*?

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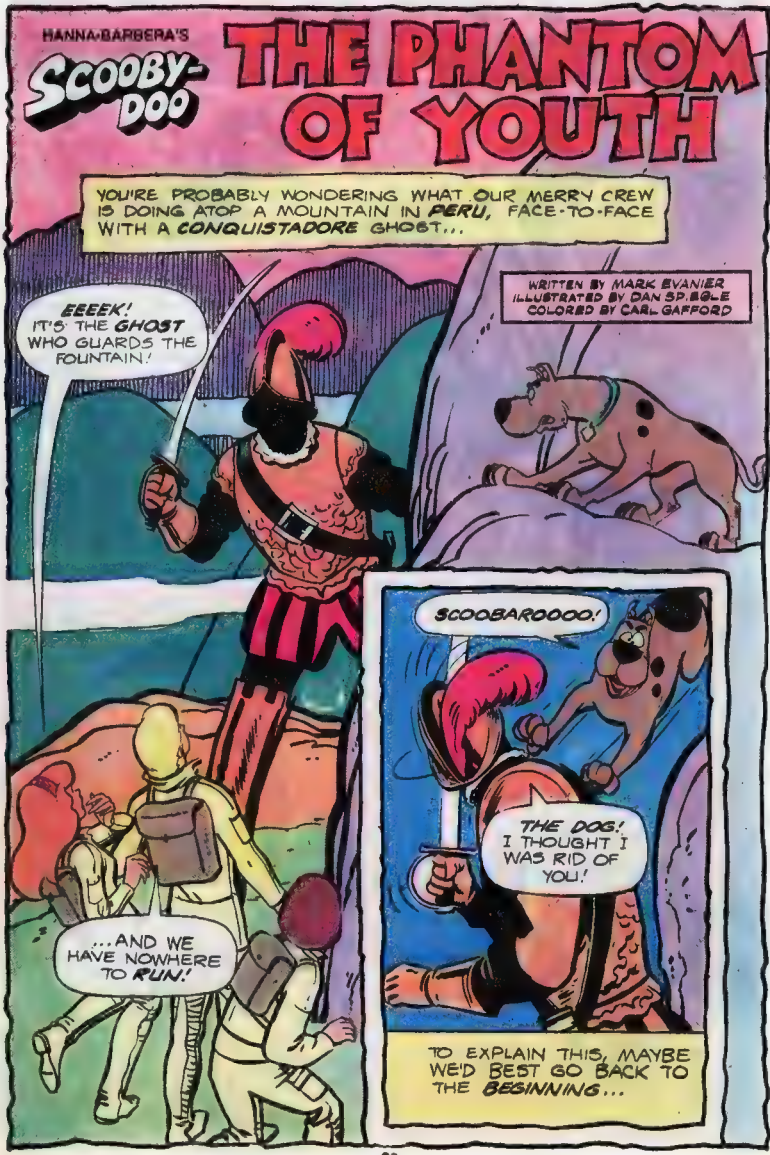
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...AND WE HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN!
SCOOBAROOOO!
THE DOG! I THOUGHT I WAS RID OF YOU!
TO EXPLAIN THIS, MAYBE WE'D BEST GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING...

AND THAT'S JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU MESS WITH SHAGGY AND SCOOBY!
SCOOBY DOO!
THAT'S WHAT WE'D DO...
THE DAY WILL NEVER COME WHEN A BIRD CAN FRIGHTEN SHAGGY ROGERS AND SCOOBY DOO!
RIGHT!
YEEEIKKKES! A GIANT BIRD!
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